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LESSON PLAN

A1810, TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND

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RECORD OF CHANGES

CHANGE NUMBER	REMARKS
New Lesson Plan	Supercedes ABC lesson 2105 dated 7 Aug 00

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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EDUCATIONAL GOALS

A1000 Area Objective: Apply aerospace power capabilities and officership principles to warfighting.

A1800 Phase Objective: Value officership principles and heritage.

A1810 - TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND

Lesson Objective 1: Know the basic principles of the United States' founding documents.

Samples of Behavior:

- (R/L) 1.1 Explain two of the basic functions of the <u>Declaration of Independence</u> intended by members of the Continental Congress.
- (R/L) 1.2 Describe four of the basic principles of the <u>US Constitution</u> intended by members of the Constitutional Convention.
- (R/L) 1.3 Outline the architectural structure of the <u>US Constitution</u> and the <u>Bill of Rights</u>.
- (L) 1.4 State the form of government established by the <u>US Constitution</u>.

Lesson Objective 2: Comprehend the form of government in the United States.

Sample of Behavior:

(L) 2.1 - Distinguish between a democracy and a republic.

Lesson Description: All commissioned officers take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. This lesson provides a quick look at the architecture and ideas embodied in our country's founding documents: the <u>Declaration of Independence</u>, the <u>US Constitution</u>, and the <u>Bill of Rights</u>.

Prerequisites: None

Preparation: Read A1810, To Support and Defend.

Optional: N/A

Rationale/Linkage: Since all commissioned officers take an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, ABC begins the A1800 Phase of instruction on officership with this overview of the Constitution. As such, this lesson helps students learn more about the document--and more importantly, the ideas within the document--that they have recently sworn an oath to support and defend. This lesson also inspires students to investigate and read more about their country's founding documents throughout their lives. So, this lecture inspires students to continue their life-long learning in the Profession of Arms.